

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of ) **MAIL STOP AF**  
Eric Prouzet et al. )  
Application No.: 10/521,194 ) Group Art Unit: 1794  
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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING ) Confirmation No.: 8662  
BEADS CONTAINING A )  
CROSSLINKED MINERAL MATRIX )

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2008, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin at page 2 of this response;

Amendments to the claims begin at page 3 of this response; and

Applicant's remarks begin at page 9.